

**To:** Chairperson and Authority Members

**Date:** September 6, 2001

**From:** Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director

**Subject:** **Agenda Item 7: Scoping Report (Draft)**

**Discussion**

The Authority initiated the public and agency scoping period for the state Notice of Preparation (NOP) and the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Notice of Intent (NOI) on April 6, 2001. The period ended on May 31, 2001. The purpose of the initial scoping period was to elicit feedback and input on the Authority's NOP and the FRA's NOI. The Authority participated in approximately more than 50 events statewide during the scoping period. The Authority and corridor consulting teams conducted four types of scoping events:

1. Public and agency scoping meetings
2. Agency information exchange meetings
3. Presentations before agencies
4. Presentations before civic and community groups

The comments on the NOP/NOI, as well as public comments about the proposed alignments and stations, have been incorporated in the draft screening report that is an element of the screening process for both alignment and station alternatives. The appendices of this report consist of more than 100 pages. Due to sheer size and number of volumes produced, we are sending you the scoping report without the appendices. If you wish to see the appendices, we will send them to you at your request. Staff will present a summary of the scoping meetings held statewide and the comments received during the formal scoping period as an information item.